

Remarks

The Final Office Action of October 23, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 23, 27-32, 36 and 37 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, and 23 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10-22, 24-26, and 33-35 have been cancelled. New claims 38 and 39 have been added. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found at least on pages 8 and 9 of the specification as originally filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Interview of January 24, 2007

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time and consideration for the interview of January 24, 2007. While no agreement was reached, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed various options for advancing prosecution. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended in accordance with the interview. New claims 38 and 39 relate to alternative claims as also discussed at the interview.

Rejection of Claim 8 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 8 has been amended to set forth a relationship between the control point and the door. The claim is believed to be in allowable form.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) over Geiger et al.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 23, 27-32, 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) over Geiger et al. Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 now recites:

“said information being transmitted to said token issuer and said control point operator, said control point operator authenticating said token with said token issuer and said token issuer

authenticating said control point with said control point operator...”

Geiger lacks a control point operator and a token issuer as now claimed. Claim 1 is believed allowable over Geiger.

Dependent claims 4, 6, 7, 9, and 36 are believed allowable at least as being dependent on allowable claim 1.

Claim 23 now recites:

“...with authentication of said control point from said external entity including verification of said control point with a control point operator and authentication of said device from said control point operator including verification of said device with said external entity.”

Geiger lacks a control point operator and an external entity as now claimed. Claim 23 is believed allowable over Geiger.

Dependent claims 27-32 and 37 are believed allowable at least as being dependent on allowable claim 23.

New Claims 38 and 39

New claims 38 and 39 are believed allowable over Geiger.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3184. If additional fees are due, the Director is authorized to debit our deposit account 19-0733 in the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,
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